



**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL
PUBLIC POLICY STANDING COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES**

October 15, 2010

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
1740 West Adams, Conference Room 204
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

A standing committee meeting of the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC) was convened on April 29, 2010 at the DDPC, 1740 West Adams, Conference Room 204, Phoenix, Arizona 85012. Notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the DDPC.

Members Present	
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Leslie Cohen, Chair, Telephone Charles Ryan	Monica Cooper Elmer Saufkie, Telephone
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Staff/Guests Present	Members Absent
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Larry Clausen, Executive Director Marcella Crane Ashley Starr	Rosemarie Strout
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A. Call to Order

Leslie Cohen welcomed everyone to the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC or Council) Public Policy Standing Committee meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:48 am.

B. Review of Minutes

Leslie Cohen asked for a review the minutes of the April 29, 2010 Public Policy Standing Committee.

A motion was made by Charles Ryan to accept the minutes as drafted. Motion seconded by Elmer Saufkie. Motion carried.

C. Best Practices

Larry Clausen reviewed Best Practices for Outreach to Legislative Bodies and Public Policy Makers as updated and summarized in a document dated October 13, 2010. He provided extensive review of the 12 items listed and answered several questions. The Committee had no changes to recommend, and the update was determined appropriate to present to the Council at the December 2010 meeting.

D. Council Staff Update

Larry Clausen informed the committee that a request to reclassify the vacant Administrative Services Officers I position (ASO I) to an ASO II was underway. The reclassification was initiated to justify adding more complex responsibilities to the position including public policy and legislative duties. The approvals for filling the vacancy must be processed by both DES and ADOA and finals authorizations are expected in late in October.

E. Public Policy Issues 2011 Legislative Session

Larry Clausen provided an overview of recommended DDPC public policy topics/issues for the 2011 Legislative session. Priority topics included: Oral health; voting rights for person under or being considered for guardianship; regulation of seclusion/restraint in the school setting; employment; post secondary transition (employment and education); budget cuts to early childhood services; transportation.

Monica Cooper suggested that all written documentation of public policy issues be written in easy to understand language. It was also recommended by Ms. Cooper that the DDPC work collaboratively with advocacy groups in carrying forth the 2011 legislative agenda.

It was suggested that in considering legislative priorities, that the DDPC support consolidation of like programs to achieve efficiency and better utilize limited funds. The recent placement of ADHS child service into AHCCCS was cited as an example of consolidation.

A motion was made by Monica Cooper to recommend the legislative agenda as discussed for adoption by the full Council. Charles Ryan seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

F. Committee Membership

Chairperson Cohen addressed the need for additional members to serve on the Public Policy Standing Committee to ensure that important issues and topics received a thorough review. The existing Standing Committee assignments were reviewed and three members from the Administrative/Planning Committee were identified as potential transfers.

Additionally, one member from the Grants Standing Committee was also identified.

Chairperson Cohen indicated that she would make initial contacts with identified members to determine interest in moving from existing committees.

G. Business Updates and News

Larry Clausen provided details on proposed DDPC purchase of services from Legislation On-Line Arizona (LOLA) a subscription service offered by the Arizona Capitol Times. The on-line service is a real-time program which offers immediate access to a variety of legislative issues and actions. As a tool, it is superior to ALIS, the public domain website which offers limited legislative information to viewers. LOLA is capable of generating tailored reports which will be of use for DDPC staff in keeping Council members and consumers current on important legislative topics. The Committee was supportive of subscribing to LOLA. The proposal will now be taken to the Grants Standing Committee for final approval at the November meeting.

H. Future Meeting Date & Agenda Items

Lost quorum at 9:58 am, meeting concluded with no further discussion. Meeting adjourned. Larry Clausen will send out potential future meeting dates for member consideration.

Dated the 20th of October, 2010
Developmental Disabilities Planning Council